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Computer workshops

The Belle Glade Branch Library will be offering two computer workshops. The first is Saturday, August 26, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and is called "Your Library on the Internet." This program will teach the participants about the resources available from the library's own web page.

The second workshop is Monday, August 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and is called "Internet 101." This is a very basic introductory workshop and will discuss the World Wide Web and other basics. Search engines as well as search techniques will be covered as well as e-mail.

Anyone interested in signing up for either of these courses can call the library at 996-3453.

Conflict Resolution Seminar

The Glades NAACP will sponsor a conflict resolution seminar on Saturday, August 26, at 8 a.m. at the West Technical Education Center in Belle Glade. There will be concurrent workshops that persons may attend such as: How to avoid conflict; What is the role of parents; What is the role of school administrators; Teachers. There will be several potential candidates present also to answer questions.

For more information please contact Marvin Glover at 996-6828.

HSCST preparation class

The Glades Central Community High School adult and community education program is offering a special HSCST preparation class for former students who need to validate their diplomas. The class will meet Mondays through Thursdays, August 21 through October 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This class is for those who have earned enough credits to graduate, or who have received a certificate of attendance, and only need to pass the HSCST in order to receive a diploma.

Adults can take the HSCST until Dec. 27/02-2003 school year.

Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, adults will have to take the FCAT instead.

Register in the adult and community education office or call 996-4404.

CPR and First Aid Courses

The American Red Cross Glades Area Branch is holding a CPR and First Aid course on Saturday, August 19 at the branch office, 195 U.S. Highway 27 South, South Bay. The certification course gives participants a one-year certification in CPR and a three-year certification in First Aid.

For more information contact the Red Cross office at 992-9703.

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Five candidates seek seats on Belle Glade Commission

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Qualifying for the upcoming Belle Glade City Commission election ended on Friday, August 11. Five candidates are seeking two seats on the Belle Glade City Commission. The election will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12. This week, we will run information on the two candidates seeking Seat A. They include current City Mayor Harma Miller and political newcomer Jeff Hawkins.

Harma M. Miller, 55, is seeking her seventh non-consecutive term on the Belle Glade City Commission. She and husband, Henry, own Miller Mortuary in Belle Glade. Mrs. Miller is a teacher with the Palm Beach County School system.

She has a bachelor of science degree in Spanish and education and a masters-degree in general linguistics and in post education administration and supervision. She is also a Florida State Master trainer for ESOL.

Harma Miller

Jeff Hawkins

(English to Speakers of Other Languages)

Mrs. Miller grew up in Belle Glade, attended Lake Shore High School and graduated from Belle Glade High School. She is a member of the United Way of the Glades Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, member of St. John's First Baptist Church and served two non-consecutive terms as mayor for the City of Belle Glade. She has also served the commission as vice mayor.

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Belle Glade Commission considers adult entertainment ordinance

By Tracy Whirls

The Belle Glade Commission asked City Attorney Charles Schoech to prepare a revised adult entertainment ordinance which would limit such establishments to certain zoning areas and impose restrictions as to their proximity to churches, residences and schools, but failed to reach a consensus to ban alcohol beverages from such establishments.

Belle Glade Police Chief Michael Miller, City Schoech and Commissioner Steve Weeks brought a proposed adult entertainment ordinance before the commission in a workshop last Monday.

Under the proposed ordinance, adult entertainment establishments would not be allowed to locate within 1,000 feet of another adult entertainment establishment, nor would they be allowed to sell alcohol beverages for consumption on the premises, or within 500 feet of a church, school or public park. Adult entertainment establishments would be restricted to

areas zoned as light industrial and general industrial and the sale of alcohol would be prohibited at such establishments.

"We have over the years had business people and individuals interested in bringing adult entertainment to the City of Belle Glade. Recently those inquiries have been more prevalent, and in checking our ordinances, we have no way to regulate it," the chief said. "I'd like to eliminate it, but knowing we can't do that constitutionally, we'd like to regulate it as much as we can."

"In my opinion, it's not conducive to the City of Belle Glade. It brings with it organized crime, violence against women, exploitation of women, prostitution, drugs. We want to regulate it to the extent the law allows. I think we want to separate it from our communities. We don't want it on our main street, near our churches or our schools."

Chief Miller said.

The chief also said because there are currently no local ordinances controlling adult entertainment, several clubs in town,

SCHOOL DAYS



Cousins Logan Maxwell, 5, and Amanda Naidicki, 3, enjoyed their first day of school at Glades Day School. The private school opened Monday. Palm Beach County public schools opened Wednesday.

including Duke's Lounge, The Banyan Tree (now Club 21) and the Sun Adventure, have been competing with one another to produce more outlandish forms of entertainment.

Mayor Harma Miller asked why the proposed ordinance included the banning of alcohol. "To me, they go together. The kind of people who want to go to that kind of entertainment also drink," she said.

Chief Miller explained that after the courts ruled that adult entertainment is a legitimate business, making it unconstitutional to ban the clubs through exclusionary zoning, cities like Orlando were able to stop the proliferation of adult entertainment by banning the sale of alcohol at those establishments. If the sale of alcohol is prohibited, which is a large part of those businesses' income, then it's unlikely that such businesses would flourish in Belle Glade.

"The whole question is do we want to restrict adult entertainment?" said the mayor. "I don't know if I do or not." Mayor Miller

said. "The part we might be interested in is restricting where it's going, not in limiting the right of consenting adults to make the choice to drink alcohol."

Saying she does not believe the city can "legislate morality," she said the city would do better to try to curb adult entertainment through zoning.

Commissioner Steve Wilson said he believes the commission is speaking with a "double tongue," when it participates in events like the annual League of Cities meeting, where alcohol is served, but would ban alcohol from events like wrestling matches and adult entertainment establishments.

Mr. Wilson said, adding that such rules limit the types of businesses interested in locating in Belle Glade, noting that constituents interested in adult entertainment only have to drive 35 miles to visit such establishments.

"My point is, let them go the 35 miles," said Commissioner Weeks.

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Suspect sought for murder of man shot in head

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Police are seeking a suspect in the murder of 18-year-old Jovon Seider, who was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head just after midnight on Tuesday, August 15, at 802 Southwest Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Seider is the son of Glades Central Community High School Athletic Director Jay Seider and Patrice Seider. He was a senior at Glades Central.

Police say they responded to the call at 12:17 a.m. and found Seider lying face down on the sidewalk. He had been shot once in the forehead with an unidentified caliber weapon. According to witnesses at the scene, Seider had been playing a dice game with others at that location prior to the shooting.

A spokesman from Glades Central said a team of counselors were brought to the school this week to talk with the students and offer support.

Anyone having any information in reference to this incident is urged to contact the Belle Glade Police Department at 996-7251.

PBCSO investigates death of teen

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is investigating the apparent homicide of a 16-year-old West Palm Beach teen whose body was found Monday morning in the middle of a two-lane road east of Belle Glade.

According to published reports, the unidentified teenager, whose name has not been released pending notification of next of kin, was found by a passing motorist about 6:40 a.m. four miles south of SR 80 on SR 700. He had been shot once in the chest.

public works and recreation department staff in the event of a hurricane. The gym has been designated as the city's primary hurricane shelter, and work is ongoing to finish boarding up its windows, Mr. Schneck said. Chief Frechette has acquired 18 additional radios from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement surplus and city employees are scheduled to complete Red Cross training this month, Mr. Schneck said.

In other business, the city approved a \$229,920 bid from Harnack Construction of Belle Glade to replace water valves at the intersection of South Lake Avenue and Bacom Point Road.

Pahokee Commission considers dropping event insurance

By Tracy Whirls

The Pahokee Commission will consider a resolution requiring organizations that use city facilities to provide their own insurance or enter into a "hold harmless" agreement with the city, waiving insurance coverage for those events, rather than pass along a premium increase to non-profit organizations.

City Manager Ken Schneck informed the commission at their regular meeting August 8, that the company which provides the city and organizations with the city facilities for special events has increased the cost of event coverage \$50, which would require organizations and individuals to pay \$125 for insurance, rather than the \$75 premium they paid last year.

Pahokee Mayor Roy L. Singletary said the premium increase makes renting city facilities too expensive for most community groups.

"To me we're defeating our own purpose by getting the fee up so high. Most of these organizations, the money that is raised is put back in the community," the mayor said, noting that with the \$100 fee the city charges for electricity and janitorial services, and the \$125 insurance premium, groups would be required to pay \$250 for a two-hour event, not including the \$150 security deposit the city requires against damages.

"We've not had an incident in two years," said Mayor Singletary. Mr. Schneck said the risk management organization increased the premiums due to the amount of administrative work required to provide "per event" coverage. No other insurance company provides the coverage, and even if the city were to reduce the covered amount from the current \$1 million, it would not decrease the premium.

"We do have our own liability coverage which covers us. This

also covered the individual churches or groups, most of which can't get their own event coverage. And it also covered us, so that it wouldn't affect our own liability coverage," Mr. Schneck said.

Mayor Singletary noted that the provision requiring organizations using city facilities to have insurance was approved by the previous commission.

"I've been here always had this. The city is protected regardless. I feel we should just drop this coverage. I get a lot of talk about how high the fee is," the mayor said.

Commissioner Henry Crawford suggested that the city review the actual cost of providing electricity and janitorial services for special events and reduce the city's rental fee, to "meet them half way."

Commissioner Hugh Branch said "just want good business" to allow organizations to use a city facility without requiring them to carry insurance. Commissioner Keith Babo said because the city has its own liability insurance, if the group agrees to waive the insurance protection, he didn't believe the city was taking such a big risk.

The commissioners asked the city manager to prepare a new resolution, waiving the requirement for groups to purchase their own insurance and to verify that the city's regular liability coverage provides sufficient protection. They will reconsider the issue at their August 22 meeting.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to allow city employee Bo Batchelor and a city police officer to continue to line the Pahokee Campground and Marina rent free to provide maintenance and security services at the campground.

The city manager brought the issue before the commission, saying he was uncomfortable allowing two city employees to stay at the campground without the commission's approval.

Mayor Singletary noted that "a rumor" concerning city employees and a commissioner living at the marina had appeared in last week's Sun. Commissioner Branch said it was no rumor.

"Several people called me to check into it—that three city employees along with a city commissioner were living there and none of those people had paid any rent," Commissioner Branch said. "I'm only quoting what I was told."

Henry Crawford, who lives at the marina, said the city of Pahokee has his rent check on file. Pahokee Police Chief Gary Frechette said he has ordered a second police officer who was living at the marina to begin paying rent this month.

Commissioner Crawford said while he approved "having a police officer at the campground to provide security, and to act as a deterrent, having someone on the premises to assist campers with maintenance and other problems was equally important. He noted that Mr. Batchelor does not receive overtime compensation for work at the campground.

In other business, Mr. Schneck said he has been meeting with department heads to finalize the city's hurricane preparations. The top floor of the city police department has been designated as the city's emergency command center, and will be staffed by police, fire,

SCHOOL BOARD RECEPTION



A reception was held last Thursday, August 10 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge for the new Palm Beach County Area IV Superintendent Barbara McQuinn and Area IV Director Jack L. Thompson. Shown above is Mr. Thompson speaking with Mary Orsengio (center) and Jeanette Dexter.

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Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots for the First Primary election are now available at the Supervisor of Elections office, located at the Glades Office Building, 2876 State Road 15, Belle Glade.

Voters who will be away, as well as those who are unable to go to the polls due to illness or disability, may have an absentee ballot mailed to them by calling the Supervisor of Elections office at 561-955-2950, or by completing the application on the Elections Office Website (www.pbcelections.org) or by sending a written request to the Supervisor of Elections, 301 North Olive Avenue, Room 105, West Palm Beach, FL 33440-4795.

Voters who request absentee ballots over the telephone or on the website must provide the following information: Voter Registration ID number, date of birth and Social Security number.

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and treasurer.

Asked why she is seeking a seat on the commission, she replied, "My supporters feel I have talents in the areas of leadership and planning." She also says she feels her experience in politics and in leadership positions is something her opponent does not have.

When asked what she would like to change about Belle Glade and how she would propose to enact such changes, she noted diversification in new businesses, in city staff and in strategies for the changes needed.

"The status quo is no longer acceptable to maintain a viable and vibrant city," she said. "Innovation in planning processes is more important now than ever before to move forward."

Stabilization of city staff, compensation and performance

reforms requests absentee ballots by mail must provide the same information as well as their signature. All requests for absentee ballots must come from either the voter or a member of the voter's immediate family.

HIP Spirit 2000 Conference

The second annual Senior HIV Intervention Project, SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in the Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C., Saturday, September 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Miami, Rev. Marilyn Usher, Episcopal African Methodist, Episcopal Church, Miami and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Glades. A C.L. Brumback Health Center will be open at Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, courtesy of Glades Health Survey, at Mt. Zion AME in Belle Glade, courtesy of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Glades, and at a location to be announced.

ance requirements for employees is also important, she notes. Under her leadership, the city worked out better job descriptions and evaluation procedures for employees that she believes resulted in improved city services.

Mrs. Miller said she would like to see improved cost-cutting methods used. "Internal cost cutting and efficiency building activities have begun and should continue," she notes. "External methods of building new revenues (has) begun and should continue by securing grants and grants, overseeing of revenue for existing grants, and identifying and obtaining new grants," she said.

Jeffrey Hawkins, 40, is challenging Mrs. Miller for Seat A. The Belle Glade native is self-employed and owns Bull's-Eye Paws and Guns, Inc. and Affordable Dry Cleaning, Inc. He is a former Belle Glade Police Officer and a board member of the Glades Community Development

in Pahokee, courtesy of the Comprehensive AIDS Program. Refreshments will be provided at all three sites courtesy of the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

Adult programs to resume at Glades Central

Glades Central Community High School's Adult Education programs will resume Wednesday, August 16.

Adult basic education, GED preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages classes will be held Mondays through Thursdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Palm Beach Community College and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Glades Central.

Palm Tran will continue running buses until 8:35 p.m. and child care will be available during evening classes.

High school credit classes for students who need to make up failed courses will also be in session. Interested students should see their high school guidance counselors.

Call 993-4404 for more information.

Looking for volunteers

The advisory committee of Polutec in the Muck is looking for people who wish to participate in the next Polutec in the Muck performance.

Corporation. He also serves on the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department's "Do The Right Thing" program and on the City of Belle Glade's Civil Service Board and Code Enforcement Board. He is vice president of the Youth Recreation Committee and President of Glades Youth and Baseball. Mr. Hawkins is also a member of the Belle Glade Rotary International, the City of Belle Glade's Civic and the Glades International.

He graduated from Christian Day School in 1978 and from Palm Beach Community College in 1981 with an associate arts degree in Criminal Justice.

He and his wife, Terri, have two sons, Jeffrey and Jeremy and a daughter, Jordana.

"For the last year, I have been deeply concerned with the issues confronting our city," says Mr. Hawkins. "Issues such as high water bills and the Glades Glen debt of over \$500,000. I feel that some of our present commissioners have lost touch with the citizens of Belle Glade and the impor-

Various duties are available for anyone who wishes to help including: making costumes, singing, selling tickets, building the set, preparing food for the staff and other things.

The play will be performed September 23 and 24 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Rehearsals begin in August with an entirely new play.

Anyone who would like to participate should call Sandy Mercer at GCDC, 992-9500.

Seniors invited

Senior participants are needed at the West County Senior Center. They would like to start or try to start a group called Relationship every Thursday, mid-day 11 a.m. until noon.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this event. This group deals with positive thinking, self-esteem, self analysis, aging and all the factors involved in growth.

For more information call 996-4808.

Children welcome

PEPPI Head Start is accepting applications for three and four year old children into their day care program.

The service is free and children with disabilities are welcomed. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.

Issues confronting this great city

Mr. Hawkins says as a native of Belle Glade and the owner of several businesses in the Glades, he feels he can contribute to the direction needed to be taken to enhance the development and prosperity of the city.

"I would also like to work towards creating an updated Public Safety Facility which will allow our law enforcement officers the ability to provide safer streets, schools and neighborhoods," he said. "I would like to require all city employees to become more accountable for their job responsibilities," he said.

He also noted he wants to work towards providing adequate housing development for all income levels, "which," he said, "would enhance the growth of our community and work on developing the potential of Lake Okechobee, which is our greatest natural resource."

USDA testing program to control parasites

The Agriculture Department is testing a system with which pigs could be detected free from trichinae, a worm that some hogs pick up due to unsuitable diets. If successful, the new system could be a model for controlling other parasites and foodborne pathogens such as E. coli and salmonella.

This program, called beyond trichinae, said Dave Pyburn, director of veterinary science for the National Pork Producers Council. "What we're developing is a model for pre-harvest food safety to bring food-safety assurances even more into the realm of the production level."

Consumer groups and researchers hope the program will encourage farmers to

improve their production methods to ensure animals do not become contaminated, rather than depending on processors and consumers to kill pathogens.

"It is clear that the best place to stop contamination and to control the causes of foodborne illness is before the microorganism or the parasite enters the farm," said Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Consumer Federation of America's Food Policy Institute.

Under the proposal, farms would be audited by a USDA-accredited veterinarian, who would be trained to check whether a herd has had contact with garbage or other materials associated with trichinae.

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Weeks. "My point is I don't want a strip joint in my town. Whatever it takes to do that is what I want to do," he added.

Commissioner Mary Wilkerson said she too felt uncomfortable telling adults that they cannot visit.

"I can't see killing a person's business because of the way I feel personally," Ms. Wilkerson said. She suggested that the ordinance could prohibit the sale of alcohol on those evenings when a business has adult entertainment. Commissioner Wilson suggested that the businesses could be prohibited from selling alcohol during the hours that adult entertainers perform.

Saying that he clearly understood that some of the commissioners are not interested in banning the sale of alcohol in adult entertainment establishments, Atty. Schoech asked them to consider the other parts of the ordinance.

"The bigger part of the problem in Belle Glade, is that nowhere in the city code do we have anything controlling adult entertainment, like you regulate dentists or any other business. They could put this right next door to the Methodist Church, Chief Miller said.

Mayor Miller said it would be possible to regulate adult entertainment in stages, by restricting zoning.

Atty. Schoech said in some cases, establishments that operate in commercial districts might be forced to relocate if a business of a low level that is industrial areas only. In other cases, some businesses might be able to apply for a "special exception," and have those businesses grandfathered in.

Workforce 2020 to hold

Community Breakfast

On Tuesday, September 12, 2000, Workforce 2020 is hosting Community Breakfast from 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at the Sheraton West Palm Beach, 630 Clearwater Park Road, West Palm Beach. We invite you to join us and cover this event which will feature Mr. Rodney Carol of United Parcel Service and the Welfare to Work Partnership as the keynote speaker. Over a thousand of Palm Beach County's major businesses, community organizations, and political leaders have been invited to attend.

With South Florida's economy booming our businesses are expected to create over one million new jobs over the next years. Unemployment rates are at an all-time low and continue to decline. Where will we find the qualified workers to fill the demands of our growing companies? How can our community survive the impending labor shortage? Workforce 2020, Palm Beach County's

"If a business expands sums of money and relies on the ordinance, and the ordinance changes, that's detrimental. They could make a case against it," Mr. Schoech said.

The commissioners agreed that they would discuss the issue at another workshop before bringing the ordinance before the commission.

Vice Mayor D. Bill Mathis said in the 31 years he was at the Belle Glade Police Department they were determined to keep adult entertainment establishments out of Belle Glade. "I'm definitely opposed to liquor being sold in adult entertainment establishments."

Mayor Miller, when asked about a possible conflict of interest in supporting alcoholic beverages and adult entertainment because her son, Heath, is an independent entertainment promoter, said she feels there is no conflict of interest.

She said her son rented Bon Adventure for four months and brought in a comedy act. "People just want to make this a campaign issue," she said.

Mayor Miller said the entertainment establishments in Belle Glade that have a liquor license should not be required to stop selling liquor based on what entertainment they are offering. That's a selective enforcement of a law that is illegal. We could face a lawsuit if we do this," she said.

She also said she would be willing for the citizens of Belle Glade to determine the issue on a referendum rather than the commission making the decision. "I'll bet more people would be for it than against it," she said. "Those people who go out to that club vote too."

ABC reporter apologizes on-air for organic story

ABC correspondent John Stossel apologized Friday evening on "20/20" for including incorrect information in two previous reports on the safety of organic food and how he will try to make sure it does not happen in the future.

"I said our tests found no pesticide residues on either conventional or organic produce," Stossel said in his apology. "That was just wrong. The labs we hired never tested ABC to produce for pesticides. We thought they had, but they hadn't. We misunderstood, and that was our fault."

Stossel referred to criticism he received from the Organic Trade Association and the Environmental Working Group (EWG), which urged ABC to fire him. He said U.S. produce, both conventional and organic, was

safe.

"The Organic Trade Association also wrote us: 'a safe certified organic food is a safe choice in the marketplace,'" Stossel said. "I want to make it clear that I agree. America's food supply—conventional and organic—is remarkably safe."

Some of the critics who prompted the network to investigate the allegations of false reporting were not satisfied with the apology.

John Stossel apologized tonight with another lie, which raises serious questions about ABC's willingness to correct its own mistakes," said Mike Casey, an EWG spokesperson.

Stossel concluded by apologizing for misinforming viewers.

"I apologize for the error," Stossel said. "I am deeply sorry I misled you. I never want to do that. All we have in this business is our credibility/your trust that we get it right—I will make every effort to see that it never happens again."

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Mexico: U.S. has until Monday to end sugar dispute

A Mexican sugar official said last week that the United States has until Monday to agree to import surplus Mexican sugar or Mexico will take the dispute to a North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) settlement board.

"If the American proposals on Monday are not satisfactory, the next day we will request an arbitration panel," said Carlos Seoane, president of Mexico's National Sugar and Alcohol Chamber. He said Mexico is considering

retaliating against an unfavorable U.S. decision by blocking imports of high-fructose corn syrup from the United States. Earlier last week U.S. and Mexican officials met in Steamboat Springs, Colo., but Mexican Trade Undersecretary Luis de la Calle said Mexico would not accept free trade in fructose while there was "managed" trade in sugar.

Mexico argues that NAFTA rules permit Mexico to start exporting all of its surplus sugar duty-free to the United

States, as of October. But U.S. sugar producers are concerned Mexican sugar will flood the market and contend that there are parallel agreements to NAFTA that restrict exporters to 250,000 tons a year.

Jeff Lang, legal counsel for the American Sugar Alliance, said that if Mexico were allowed to export all of its surplus sugar to the United States, it would "destroy the U.S. sugar industry."

Read all about it ...cookbooks that is

Anyone who has watched me cook might be surprised to learn that I have an extensive collection of cookbooks.

When I cook, I often seem to be creating a "dash" of this and "pinch" of that, slipping bits of fresh herbs from the plants on my screened porch and sort of throwing it all together.

But I do use cookbooks. In some cases I have favorite recipes memorized.

I read cookbooks to get ideas for recipes, even if I don't decide to use the exact recipe in the book. I also read cookbooks to learn about foods I will probably never cook or even eat. Avid readers should understand this concept. You can enjoy a book about an adventure on the high seas and never set foot on a boat yourself.

Best of all, just reading a

recipe doesn't add any fat, calories or sodium to my diet. And I don't have to warn readers to check with their doctors before making any changes in their reading habits.

Today for your reading pleasure, I'll share a recipe from the Heritage of Southern Living Cookbook. I have never tried this recipe. I can't give you the fat, vitamin or mineral content of the dish described. But that doesn't have to stop you from enjoying just imagining it!

Southern Fried Green Tomatoes of Autumn

When the crickets and the katydids are singing their lullabies under the porch or in the garden, and the ham is cooking on the stove to be eaten with the last of the fresh corn and fried green tomatoes — green tomatoes coated with a crisp cornmeal crust — one knows that another summer has gone, but autumn has blessed our table and life is good.

Green tomatoes dipped in cornmeal, you ask? Of course. Green tomatoes dipped in flour

would be blasphemy. Where are you from, my friend?

Ingredients:
2 pounds green tomatoes
1 and one-half cups finely ground white cornmeal
oil or solid vegetable shortening for frying

Freshly ground black pepper to taste.

1. Slice the tomatoes one-fourth inch thick. Dredge both sides of the tomatoes in cornmeal, pressing the slices firmly into the meal so it will make a good coating. Shake off any excess meal.

2. Put enough oil or shortening in an iron skillet to a depth of about one-fourth inch and place the skillet over medium heat. Add the tomatoes to the hot oil a few at a time, without crowding, and fry until golden brown, about two minutes. Turn and when both sides are golden brown, drain on paper towels and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Serve piping hot.

Hopes for near-future WTO trade round waning

Envoys and global trade specialists said Monday an agreement among the 137 members of the World Trade Organization to launch another round of trade talks in the near future was unlikely.

While the United States, the European Union, Japan and numerous other countries have continually called for a new round since the collapse of last year's talks in Seattle, negotiators

have been unable to agree what to talk about.

According to trade analysts, one of the sticky issues is the upcoming U.S. presidential election. Other countries are concerned they might have to deal with a president without "fast-track" negotiating authority.

"Nobody will invest the political capital to get the talks started," said Jeffrey Schott of the Institute for International Economics,

The Clinton administration is urging an end to farm export subsidies, limits on domestic price supports, lower tariffs and expanded import quotas. U.S. priorities are up against EU and Japanese resistance to reducing farm supports and efforts to block imports of genetically modified agriculture products and food.

According to WTO rules, new talks must start by late 2001.

ER Chronicles: A Little Bit of Everything

"Help me! Help me!" A hysterical voice flew through the ER doors, and a frantic, frazzled woman waved her arms.

Emergency nurses Phil and Linda hurried out to an old, rusty car, and began pulling a limp body from its rear seat.

"I don't know what he took! I'm not sure what he took! The woman was yelling at the nurses while she was climbing back into the driver's seat, and she sped away just as they pulled the man's feet from the car."

Phil and Linda both looked up briefly, puzzled that this woman would take off like this, but then focused their attention back onto the unconscious man.

"He's breathing," Linda noted with a calm voice.

"And he's got a good pulse," Phil chimed in.

By now, another nurse had arrived with a stretcher, and the three of them hoisted the man carefully onto the sheet.

As they pulled his helpless body onto the bed in Critical Care 4, the entire team jumped in.

"I'll stabilize his neck and get the oxygen on."

"I've got the Foley bladder catheter."

"I'll get an IV line going."

The EKG tech and the lab will be here in a minute."

Emergency physician Tammy Cortez arrived, and Phil began relaying the information that was available.

"And then the girl just took off," he concluded. "Like she was really in a hurry."

As Cortez moved up toward the man's head, a technician called out.

"John. His wallet says his name is John."

"OK, John," Cortez said matter-of-factly. "Welcome to the Ocean's ER."

By now, she had checked John's airway, and his eyes, ears, neck and chest. The entire room was a buzz of activity, as each team member worked diligently. This room, which had been quiet just moments before now, was running at full speed.

"He smells pretty good for alcohol," Cortez reported.

"What's that glucose level?"

"Looks like his sugar's 110." Phil held up the number of the Accucheck instrument.

"I have the Thiamine and the Narcan. OK to try it now?"

"Go for it," Cortez said. Now she was looking closely at John's arms and legs, searching for needle track marks or other clues, but all four limbs seemed normal.

"Is any of the lab work ready yet?" she asked.

"Here comes some off the printer," Linda said as she tore the reports loose. "Woah, look at this!"

Cortez studied the reports, then Here's what she found.

"Looks like a little of everything," she said in amazement. "Cocaine, barbiturates, alcohol, marijuana and benzodiazepines."

She shook her head slowly, then added sarcastically, "What a man!"

She moved back up to John's head, and began assembling some equipment.

"I'm just going to go ahead and tube him now to protect his airway while we get some charcoal down into his stomach. He's breathing OK, but with all this stuff in his system, I don't want to take a chance."

She quickly slipped the endotracheal tube through John's mouth and into his trachea, then stepped back as the rest of the smaller plastic tube through John's nose and down into his stomach.

"Here's the charcoal," Linda said as she held the tip of the bottle to the end of the nasogastric tube. "Maybe we can keep some of the drugs from getting out of his stomach and bowel and into his system."

Just then, another lab report

chattered out of the printer.

"Oh, no! Look at this!"

"His lithium level is seven!" Cortez marveled. "He did take a little extra."

Then, turning back toward the unit secretary, she called out, "Get the nephrologist on the phone to help. We're going to need to dialyze to get the lithium out of him."

The action level remained high all around John.

Respiratory Therapist monitored his lungs and the ventilator machine, the nurses rechecked the 10 lines and watched the heart monitor, and Cortez reviewed the neck and chest X-rays. The nurse from the dialysis unit arrived, and began studying the lab reports.

Cortez hurried to finish John's ER chart paperwork, and the nurse readied his bed for the trip to the ICU.

Then, John was moved from Critical Care 4 to the elevator. He was still unconscious; nothing moved except his chest as the ventilator pushed oxygen into his lungs.

The ER team began picking up the paper shrapnel from the tubes and syringes they had used. The heart monitor leads were replaced with new ones, and the floor was swept up. Fresh sheets were carried over to the striped bed.

Phil returned to ER Bed 3 to finish applying an ankle splint onto the man grumbling about the "long" wait. Linda walked back to ER Bed 4 to check the rest of the story from the young woman with back pain. Cortez picked up two charts from the growing stack on the counter, and headed for these new patients.

After 45 minutes of rapid near-chaos, Critical Care 4 was now clean and empty, ready for the arrival of its next victim.

Dr. Richard O. is an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach. He is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

U.S. S. Grains Council: Canada investigation a threat to trade

The decision by the Canadian government to probe U.S. corn export subsidies has created a threat in trade limitations that will hurt producers in both countries, according to the U.S. Grains Council.

"We can't lose sight of the goal line," said Ken Hobbie, president and chief executive officer of the commodity group.

Documented trade-limiting practices by the European Union and others should be acceptable to farmers on either side of the 49th parallel."

Hobbie said he understands Canadian farmers' worries about low prices, but said they would benefit instead by putting their efforts into strengthening World Trade Organization rules and restraining restrictions that hurt producers in all countries.

The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency last week announced it would launch a probe into criticism of U.S. grain subsidies.

Manitoba Corn Growers Association that the dumping and subsidizing of U.S. corn into Canada is hurting growers by keeping prices low.

A 1998 agreement between the two countries opened Canada's market to more U.S. grain and livestock.

Foley Launches New Website

Keeping up with important issues before Congress has become a lot easier as a result of new, re-designed website launched by Congressman Mark Foley (R-FL, 16th district). While the web address remains the same, www.house.gov/foley, the "E-Updates" are just one of a host of new services being made available through the new site.

"My redesigned website will be a great benefit to the people I represent. Using the new website will allow residents to stay up-to-date with issues that are important to them. Aside from a variety of constituent services which are available including flag information, Washington tour information, press releases and service academy information, the E-Updates are a way of allowing every citizen to be informed on key issues," said Foley.

By completing the information on the website, users can choose to receive periodic email updates about current issues facing Congress, the nation and most specifically Florida. A list of options available include health care, education, veterans issues, budget issues, taxes, and social security. Additionally, if users identify with a particular group, parent, government employee, small business owner, student, health care provider or several other available - updates specific to those professions and groups will be sent.

Foley ensured that all information remains confidential and will only be used for official congressional use. Furthermore, subscribers will have the ability to unsubscribe at any time.

The new site also allows residents to check the current legislative schedule of Congress, track legislation, view the Congressman's photo album, link to Florida and Federal government sites, check Foley's biography and committee information. Rep. Foley is in his third term serving Florida's sixteenth congressional district which includes residents of Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties.

Osha pressured to regulate farm grain bins

Numerous instances of farmers and farm workers being trapped in grain bins by flowing grain has prompted the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to consider imposing costly new regulations, according to Purdue University safety specialist Bill Field.

Currently, farmers are granted an exemption from OSHA's "confined space" regulations. If farmers lose this exemption, grain bins would have to be retrofitted with anchor points in

the roof to allow rescue operations.

In addition, two people would be required to be present when unloading grain.

Argentine beef exports to the U.S. put on hold

Argentina has temporarily put a hold on fresh and frozen beef exports to the United States because of possible foot-and-mouth disease contamination.

Agriculture Department officials said they did not think Argentina's decision would be a long-standing one.

"We prefer to think of it as a temporary hold on imports until we can get the situation clarified," said Anna Maria, spokesperson for USDA's Animal and Plant Health

Inspection Service.

Argentina's announcement follows a government order to destroy nearly 3,000 grass-fed cattle last week. Some cattle grown in grasslands near the northern border with Paraguay tested positive for the virus that causes foot-and-mouth, which causes animals to stop eating and die.

Trade agreements allowed Argentina to export 20,000 tons of beef annually to the United States.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:
What an opportunity presents itself for The Acree, Glades, Loxahatchee, Bay Hill, the Glades and the Western Communities.

The primary elections slated for Wednesday, September 13th have two candidates from the west running for the Florida State House of Representatives, District 84 seat. This is the very first time the western voters are challenging the eastern voters for a state legislative seat.

Please help support Acree residents Myra Oriano, Republican, or Roland Greenspan, Democrat by showing them your support.
Please vote primary election day. Our Western Communities have great pride and strength. We will seize the moment and vote.

Penny Riccio
Prior member of the Acree Government Steering Committee

Dear Editor:
Perhaps another reader of your paper best described the City of West Palm Beach after our elections in May. He/she suggested changing the name of our loving town to "Pathetic." At times, the name would be perfect. Our latest municipal election broke our hearts. The firefighters were forced to face the commissioners and explain to them that they were working for less than 8 per hour for one, an appeal that the very people we expected to be at our back and call 24 hours a day to solve a municipal problem for us. We are earning less than I do planting trees part time. The men and women who protect us here in Palm Beach County are not paid to help us. We should be in awe for them. We should thank them on a daily basis. We should show them more respect. We should ask our city officials why they are so poorly paid.

I am sorry I was not at that commission meeting, but I will certainly be very visible from now on.

Even Savvy Kids Are Won Over By Entertaining Commercials

Kids aren't nearly as savvy about advertising as they seemingly are. They're being misled by how much TV they watch. University of Florida researchers have found.

Even older children don't apply their knowledge of advertisers' intent to sell a product, partly because they are distracted by the entertainment aspect of commercials, the study shows. The findings are scheduled to appear in the upcoming issue of the *Journal of Consumer Research*.

David Mick, editor of the *Journal of Consumer Research* and a professor of commerce at the University of Virginia, says the findings help support previous research that parents should be careful about how much television they expose their children to.

"If they're going to let their children watch TV, they should talk about what they're watching," he said.

UF marketing researchers Elizabeth Moore and Richard Lutz studied the reactions of children, ages 7 to 11, to both commercials and product sampling. The combination has put a new spin on product research about children and advertising, Lutz said.

Lutz, a professor of marketing in the UF College of Business Administration, said in-depth interviews, in which children were asked to discuss the connection between advertising and products, yielded some unexpected findings.

"The older children were not thinking about advertising as a source of information so much as a source of entertainment," Lutz said. "They were consuming commercials... the same way they might consume regular television programming entertainment."

He said that means while older children possess the skills to view ads critically, they usually don't.

"The fact that they switch into this mode of being oriented toward entertainment means that they let down their cognitive defenses that they have available to them," Lutz said.

He said younger children may even gain more information from commercials than the entertainment effect is not as prevalent.

"For younger kids, it's actually more rational, functional sort of thing," Lutz said.

Most advertisers are already aware of the entertaining effects of commercials, but the study serves as solid documentation

on. We were raised by two wonderful parents who taught us respect and to protect the men and women who protect us. The people who choose to put themselves in danger and at the call of us all are already heroes in my mind and heart. These people should be cherished, commended, assisted, and very well paid for their selfless acts. Pahokee is a poor town, and has lost its identity. We are a community trying to rebound from years of 'good old boy' government. We do have a future, yet we seem intent on not only driving businesses and long-time neighbors out of town, but our firefighters and police-persons as well. We have known for a long time that Pahokee is not the best town to work for. We have seen new police and firefighters come and go so fast that we jokingly refer to Pahokee as a 'training facility for other departments.'

The citizens of Pahokee and especially the citizens of Canal Point were sold a bad bill of goods by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Chief Burroughs, and our City Manager over three years ago. We were promised a new fire station, better equipment, better response time, and more firefighters. A small town has the charm and caring nature because of it is full of people who see and come to know each other on a regular basis. We used to know all of our police officers and firefighters. Many were school pals and relatives. The school keeps small towns alive, knowing their neighbors. The trust and respect we have for each other comes from living and working closely, and taking care of each other. We need to our city officials that it is way past time to pay those people who are there for us 24 hours a day what they deserve. What is your love our life worth? Less than 8 an hour? Not mine, Thank you.

Larry Wright
Pahokee

Guest Opinion

"The researchers' goal was to learn what happens when children get information from both advertising and product experience."

of it, Lutz said, adding that the study tells consumer watchdog groups something new.

"This might suggest that [advertising] influences are a little stronger than we were anticipating, even as children mature cognitively because of this previously unrecognized entertainment effect," Lutz said.

The researchers' goal was to learn what happens when children get information from both advertising and product experience. Seventy-two children in groups of 7- and 8-year-olds and 10- and 11-year-olds participated in the study based on food products. They were shown videotapes of commercials, given products to sample, or a combination of the two. Later, the researchers conducted in-depth interviews with 38 other children to evaluate their findings.

Although the researchers expected younger children to be more susceptible to the influence of advertising, Lutz said, the study found the total impact of advertising was greater for older children. He said with younger children, their attitude toward commercials had more impact on what they thought of the brand when they sampled it.

"With older children... there was an additional indirect effect where the more they liked the ad, the more they tended to accept information that was coming out of the brand or even how they evaluated the experience itself," Lutz said. "That led us to believe that having entertaining advertising has a pretty strong effect for these older kids; even though we would have anticipated the opposite."

Mick described Moore and Lutz's study as pioneering. "It's one of a few studies that looks at the combination of advertising and consumer experience in product research," he said. "They're the first who have done this in the context of kids."

Speak Out

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Raises

"I am in reference to the person who complained about the city employee raises. This person should spend one day with the fire dept. and one day with police dept. to see first-hand the hazards these men and women face every day. Let this person be awakened from their sleep at all hours of the night to answer the call of duty."

These raises, my friend, are well deserved and long overdue. As for the money that goes to help pregnant teens, their pregnancy is of their own doing. As far as someone to watch over children in the park, that is what parents and baby-sitters are for.

I do not want my tax money going to something that people should have control over. These people need to get with the real world. If he or she holds a job, and a raise comes and they, I hope that they use the raise to cover their complaints. Thank You."

Bump

"I'm calling in regard to the Seventh Street bridge. I do think the improvements are nice, but they spent all that money, couldn't they at least lessened the bump some?"

It is still terrible coming across from U-Save."

Dirty restaurant

"I am calling about a local restaurant. Today I was having lunch when I overheard the owner telling a young employee that he was cutting her hair. I could see that she was very upset and so were the other ladies working there. I have eaten at this place often and I have a constant complaint from the employees, over-worked and under-paid. The women who work there are very wonderful ladies. I myself have had a problem with this place. There is bad service, high prices, and mainly bad hygiene, not from the women, but the men who work there. They handle money and then go and handle your food. Never once have I seen them wear gloves or use a sanitizer, which is available."

The main concern with the owner's money. He does not care about his employees at all. He kept telling this young lady that he was not making any money and that he had to cut her hair. If he looked at his own people he would see why. Who wants to come to a place where the owners wear the same clothes every day? The women work very hard and personally I will not eat there any longer. I encourage others to do the same thing."

It is too bad people could have a business run by such greed. I wish the best for the women and a better work situation. Also, I would like to know if you can print a number where I could report the unsanitary conditions at this business. Thank you for letting me Speak Out."

Editor's note: You can call the Palm Beach County Health Department at 998-1600 and ask for the Environmental Department.

Recycle fees

"I would like to know why we have to pay recycle fees in a lump sum on our property taxes each year. Then why are we charged each month a recycle fee on our water bill?"

Shopping carts

"There is something I have been wanting to speak out about for a while now. I don't know if it is illegal but for people to bring shopping carts to their home seems to be not right. I'm wondering if it is right or wrong because it makes the area look bad. Speaking of which certain people behind U-Save bring their shopping carts to their yard, and if you ride down the road it looks very ugly. The people have four to five carts in their yard."

It seems like the people get a new cart and bring it home each time they go to the store. It makes the neighborhood look bad, and I think it is illegal."

Thank you. A concerned citizen of the neighborhood behind U-Save."

More on shopping carts

"I am a concerned citizen wondering if it is illegal to take shopping carts from a store. On Southeast Fourth Street there is a certain house that has about eight shopping carts in front of the home. And I would like to know if that is considered stealing. Plus it makes the neighborhood look bad."

Junked cars

"I am calling about some of these cars in 715 Triller Park. Some of them don't have a tag and a bunch of us had to get rid of ours. I am not allowed to keep mine and there are a bunch in 715 Triller Park."

Now those of us who had to get rid of ours want these gone. If not there is going to be trouble."

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The Sun

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Junior Achievement

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Junior Achievement expands its local
Glades schools, seeks volunteer support

Where do Glades schoolchildren learn the difference between a need and a want, or how money circulates, or what's needed to start a business? Where do they find out about the importance of saving money, or how to use a checkbook, or what foreign exchange rates mean, or what a city planner does? For many of them, they learn right in their local classroom with the help of a Junior Achievement volunteer.

Junior Achievement (JA), a non-profit education organization, inspires and guides kids through the free enterprise system, giving them information and an understanding of economics and business to improve the quality of their lives. This year JA looks to serve more kids in the Glades than ever before with new programs and volunteer initiatives.

School based initiative at Rosewood and Gove

Principal Barbara Terremes, of Rosewood Elementary in South Bay, and Dan Alfonso, new principal at Gove Elementary in Belle Glade, have agreed to participate in JA's School Based Initiative, a volunteer recruiting strategy underwritten by JA by the Stiles Nicholson Foundation. The goal is 90% school participation in Junior Achievement programs. In exchange, the school based JA coordinator as well as the school earns cash awards.

This initiative allows the JA staff office to focus on finding volunteers for other schools in the region such as Pahokee, Canal Point, Belle Glade, and Gladesview Elementary schools.

JA's new exchange city reaches out to the Glades.
Junior Achievement's "Exchange City" is a prototype meant to improve the effectiveness of America's educational system. This unique interactive experience for 5th graders takes place at a new 7500 square foot facility in West Palm Beach that houses a bank, a radio station, a sports shop, a restaurant, city hall, post office and nine other entrepreneurial shops operated by kids! Prior to their day at Exchange City, young students spend six weeks in class learning how to assume the roles of business owners, employees and government officials of their own city. Its set up to open this fall for a limited number of 3,000 students. Glades schools invited to participate include Pioneer Park, Gove, and Rosewood elementary schools. This program will eventually reach every 5th grade student in Palm Beach County, including all Glades elementary schools.

Worthwhile experience for students and volunteers

From kindergarten through 12th grade, Junior Achievement has a program for every level. Volunteers teach elementary school kids the JA program in 5 clearly described lessons, once a week for under an hour. Training, lesson plans, and educational materials are all freely provided and are easy to use. And volunteers consistently report the satisfaction of teaching kids.

Lt. Robert Grande, a volunteer from the South Bay Police Department, feels JA offers him the opportunity to "develop a relationship with kids at a young age." The educational activities are fun for the kids as well. "It's not like you're working them," and, the experience helps lay the foundation to "set up and build friendships" with kids that can last beyond the 5 weeks of lessons.

Leigh Woodham is currently the Director for the Dolly Hand Cultural Center as well as a former head of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Her husband Brent teaches math at PBCC. They both are also Junior Achievement volunteers. Leigh states, "It's a great program for kids. It opens their eyes to other things in their community (including how business operates)." She appreciates the "interaction with kids and the opportunity to meet different schoolchildren and teachers" in the different schools she volunteered at. The program is not difficult, and the materials are self-explanatory. Leigh plans to teach Junior Achievement in her son's sixth grade class this year.

Pat McMahon teaches business and economics classes at Palm Beach Community College. He expects his students to learn the classroom material, but also to take part in community service. Many of his students select Junior Achievement. He describes JA teaching as "a win-win situation. The elementary schoolchildren learn new concepts at a level they can understand, while the college student gets experience in presentation skills and teaching."

Justin Jackman, of Jackman Cane and Cattle, first taught JA while taking McMahon's PBCC-Glades economics class. He recalled that the 2nd grade students at Rosewood clearly enjoyed the money circulation activity, complete with a kid's rap song that follows the course of a quarter from the US Mint to the classroom. He feels that presenting the lessons will help anyone interested in education, and that the teachers will be a teacher. Mr. Jackman hopes to teach Junior Achievement again this year as well.

Valuable education

Derrick Manning, Glades Central's new principal, praises Junior Achievement from his days at Spanish River Community High School. He states that JA volunteers brought a "realistic picture of what goes on in business" to his students there. Additionally, the competition in the stock market games was highly motivating to the students. Therefore, he hopes to see several

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What's in the picture?

Editor's note: Last week, we featured a photo from the 1970's and asked readers if they could identify the people in the picture. Laura Weeks of Belle Glade's picture was taken in 1974 and features some of her classmates who were in a skit. Included in the picture is Mark Franke, Kathy Ballard, Twila Scruggs, Rosie Garcia and Mike Douglas. Ms. Weeks said one person in the picture was wearing so much make-up she is not sure whether the picture is showing Earl Lindrose or Larmer Hooks.

Misconception: the Gulf Stream steers hurricanes away from Florida

Fran, Bonnie and Floyd. Ask anyone in North Carolina about those three names and chances are you'll hear horror stories. Hurricane Fran in 1996, Hurricane Bonnie in 1998 and Hurricane Floyd in 1999 were all major hurricanes that slammed into North Carolina. Floyd alone killed 50 people in the state and produced over \$8 billion dollars in damage.

Fran, Bonnie and Floyd are three names folks in North Carolina will never forget.

They are also three storms that flirted with hurricane history here in Florida. Each of those major storms threatened the Sunshine State; yet, each was steered away from Florida's east coast.

What turned those three hurricanes from Florida and toward North Carolina? Some people mistakenly believe it was the Gulf Stream.

The Gulf Stream is a warm current of the North Atlantic Ocean flowing in a generally northwestern direction from the Florida Straits to the Grand Banks, east and south of

Newfoundland. It is the warm water in the Gulf Stream that helps to moderate the climate of western Europe.

The Gulf Stream forms when two warm equatorial currents merge with water from the Gulf of Mexico. Off the coast of Florida, the Gulf Stream can be 50 miles wide. Further north, the Gulf Stream increases in width to about 300 miles off of New York.

The current in the Gulf Stream is slightly warmer than the surrounding ocean and the current itself produces slightly rougher seas. If you've ever taken a boat ride across the Gulf Stream you know what I mean.

When a hurricane travels across the Gulf Stream, the storm often intensifies. Hurricane Andrew, for example, became stronger when it traversed the warm Gulf Stream waters.

Brief intensification of tropical cyclones is the only effect the Gulf Stream has on storms. The Gulf Stream has no effect on the future course of hurricanes; That's the job of upper level

winds.

In the case of Floyd, a trough of low-pressure moving across the eastern United States kept the massive storm from striking Florida. Fran and Bonnie were turned away from Florida by a strong ridge of high pressure centered over Bermuda.

The winds produced by the trough of low pressure and the Bermuda high are often called steering currents and as the name suggests, it is the steering currents that steer a tropical cyclone across the Atlantic Ocean, the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

What makes hurricane forecasting very difficult is trying to determine the strength of those steering currents. During the peak of the hurricane season in August and September, the steering currents are composed of very light winds, meaning a hurricane can move in just about any direction.

I can understand how some people might think that the Gulf Stream can steer a hurricane. The Gulf Stream flows along our coastline and a number of major



Mike Lyons
storms have followed that course, sweeping past our state and into North Carolina or following an easterly course out to sea.

But in each case it was the upper level winds, not the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, that pushed those storms toward their place in history.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist at WPBF-TV)

Arrest Blotter

Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 598 complaints, gave 67 traffic citations and made 21 arrests the week of August 7-13. Those arrested included:

August 7 - **Keith Denard**, 21, disorderly conduct.

August 8 - **Willie James Anderson**, 33, carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon and loitering and prowling.

August 9 - **Corey Burroughs**, 31, contempt of court; **John Spivry**, 33, burglary to a structure and petty theft; **Leon Williams**, 35, burglary to a structure and petty theft; **Bernard Robinson**, 40, burglary to a structure and petty theft; **Josh Bullard**, 58, domestic battery; **Juvenile**, 17, two counts of violation of probation; **Roosevelt Camble**, 23, warrant for stalking.

August 10 - **Melvin Davis**, 30, burglary and petty theft; **Willie Lee Anderson**, 26, trespassing.

August 11 - **Juvenile**, 16, two counts of loitering and prowling and resisting an officer without violence; **Earl Coney Jr.**, 21, trespassing.

August 12 - **Evelyn Ramos**, 22, throwing a deadly missile at an occupied dwelling and criminal mischief; **Leonard Brown**, 31, two counts of domestic battery.

August 13 - **Larry Parker**, 39, possession of cocaine with intent to sell; **William McClorn**, 38, two counts of possession of narcotic paraphernalia; **Leonard Howard**, 48, trespassing.

Pahokee

The Pahokee Police Department handled 189 calls, issued 13 traffic citations and made 11 arrests the week of August 7-13. Those arrested included:

August 7 - No arrests made.

August 8 - No arrests made.

August 9 - **Juvenile**, 15, strong arm robbery; **Neal Boris**, 25, domestic battery; **Javoris Wimberly**, 20, assault on a law enforcement officer, and obstructing and opposing an officer; **Stephanie Orr**, 35, aggravated battery.

August 10 - **Vonika Harvey**, 22, cruelty to animals.

August 11 - **Robert Sparks**, 37, affray; **Jerome Powell**, 51, warrant for violation of probation.

August 12 - **Jean Pierre Vallencourt**, 37, warrant for violation of probation and a warrant for failure to appear in court; **Jerome Abner**, 41, obstructing and opposing an officer.

August 13 - **Bobby Dunaway**, 41, warrant for violation of probation; **Terrance Moore**, 21, possession of cocaine and tampering with evidence.

Sheriff's office

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office made 10 arrests the week of August 8-13. Those arrested included:

August 8 - No arrests made.

August 9 - **Robert Penmiller McKelton**, 32, **Belle Glade**, attempted first degree murder, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment and battery; **Juvenile**, 17, **Pahokee**, battery on a law enforcement officer.

August 10 - **Humberto Alonzo**, 40, **Pahokee**, disorderly intoxication.

August 11 - **Jerome Powell**, 50, **Pahokee**, violation of probation trespass, felony petit theft.

August 12 - **Johnny Brown Clay**, 30, **Pahokee**, failure to appear on charges of exposure of sexual organ; **Emmanuel Morgan**, 23, **West Palm Beach**, felony driving while license suspended, eluding police officer.

August 13 - **Roger Fountain Jr.**, 23, **Belle Glade**, violation of probation reckless driving; **William Watkins**, 42, **Belle Glade**, violating no contact order, domestic battery, cocaine Moore, 21, **Pahokee**, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST LIAR

By Rev. Robert Bauer

Belle Glade Church of Christ

Who is the world's greatest liar? You may be thinking of someone who deserves this dubious title. It may be an ex-spouse, an employer or employee. It may be a relative or even a politician. However, the Lord while he was on earth gave this title to the Devil. He said, speaking to the Pharisees, "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks he lies, because he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44). Let us consider some lies that the Devil is still spreading.

The Devil Does Not Exist?

A lie that the Devil is still promoting is that he does not exist. He makes his work so much easier if people believe that he is not real. Even some religious leaders have believed this lie and preached that there is no devil. However, the Bible clearly reveals the existence of the Devil. In Genesis 3:1-15 he is portrayed as a serpent, when he tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. In Matthew 4:1-11 he is identified as the devil, when he tried to entice Jesus into serving him instead of God. In Ephesians 6, Christians are encouraged to put on the whole armor of God that they may "resist the wiles of the Devil." In 2 Timothy 2:26, Paul wrote that he was taken captive by the Devil. The Bible clearly reveals the existence of the Devil and this should be a warning to us. No one should be taken in by the Devil's lies.

Speak

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Kudos and welcome
"First I would like to commend Dr. Effie Grear on her tenure as principal of Glades Central Community High School. I have known her for many years and I know how few people realize the dedication and determination it took for Dr. Grear to serve our community for such a number of years. She proved herself to be a leader in the community and showed the depth of her caring for our students. I would also like to welcome

The Bible is Not

The Word of God?

Another lie that the Devil has spread is that the Bible is not the Word of God. He first showed that doubt in the garden of Eden when he asked Eve, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" (Gen 3:1). If people truly believed that the Bible is the word of God then it would be read in every classroom. It would be read in every governmental office. It would be read in every home. The devil has done his work in casting doubt concerning the Bible. However, the truth still rings out, the Bible is the word of God. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Mk 13:31). Peter wrote that "prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). Paul writing to Timothy, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Truly, the Bible is God's word in written form.

Almost Everyone

Is a Good Person?

The world has championed the lie that each of us is not so bad after all. He has us convinced that each of us is a good person. Believing this lie causes one to distrust in his own moral goodness

to save him. This person trusts in himself and not in the saving blood of Jesus. The Bible clearly teaches that all have sinned. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). The Lord told Jeremiah, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "We have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The Bible clearly teaches that all have sinned and need a Saviour.

The Cost Of Being A Christian Is Too High?

The devil would have us believe the cost of being a Christian is too high. He has painted such a lovely picture concerning sin. We can see the short-lived pleasure but it is difficult for us to focus upon the long-term cost of sin. His greatest success has been in the area of sex. The devil would have us believe that sex outside of the commitment of marriage is natural and acceptable. However, he blinds our eyes to the unwanted and unloved babies that are being born to those poor individuals whose bodies are decaying because of STD's, and to the millions of babies that are butchered each year by abortion. The Bible rightly teaches that sin has a cost. However, any cost associated with being a Christian is worth it for the blessing that belong to those who are Christians. Paul wrote, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). As the old song goes,



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"Heaven will surely be worth it all."

Wait Until Tomorrow?

The devil's greatest lie of all is that there is plenty of time to get right with God. Many may believe the devil exists, may believe that the Bible is the word of God, may realize that there is sin in their life and terrible price being paid for that sin, but are thinking I will get right with God tomorrow, next week, or next month. "Life is uncertain. The wise man wrote, 'Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.' (Proverbs 27:1). James wrote, 'You do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then 'vanishes away' (James 4:14). The only moment we can be sure of is this moment. We must be sure that we are in a right relationship with God before it is too late.

The Devil is, by far, the world's greatest and most dangerous liar. For when one believes his lies the consequences are eternal.

however, I do feel that Mr. Manning should be given an opportunity to fully explain his reasons for suggesting that Mr. Landings and Mr. Killets join the coaching staff. However, there are going to be people in the community who resent the most recent additions to the coaching staff. I think Mr. Manning may have some idea about the importance of football in the community, but may not know the reasons why.

Football is very important to the Glades community, not because as some say, "that's all they have in the community." In fact, Glades Central has produced doctors, teachers, principals, lawyers, engineers, mathematicians, scientists, and many other professionals to count. For those who doubt the strength of the academic arena at Glades Central, I must add it is a large part due to Dr. Grear, then they need to look no further than to contact the hundreds of successful alumni from Glades Central. The reason, in my opinion football is so impor-

tant to the Glades is because it signifies the strength, the pride, and the hopes of the fine young people, and their guardians, that we have in our community. While football is a sport, it teaches our young people teamwork, leadership, dedication, and to have respect for themselves. It brings our community together and reaffirms our dedication to the community. And, for Glades Central athletes, it has allowed some of the best and brightest young men, to pursue their goals of a higher education by lessening the burden of the expenses of that education."

With all due respect, I would like to ask Mr. Manning to explain to the community why those two particular people were suggested for the coaching staff at Glades Central. Also, again with utmost respect, I would like to ask Mr. Manning to explain, in detail, the reasons why he left SantaLucas High School and the Palm Beach County School District a few years ago.

Hill moves to new address

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is advising the public about a declared sexual predator, Curtis Leon Hill, 31, who has moved his residence from one location to another in Belle Glade.

Hill is now residing at 272 S.W. Avenue E, Apartment 2, Belle Glade. Circuit Court Judge Michael D. Miller declared Hill to be a sexual predator on February 6, 1997. According to Hill's record, on June 12, 1994, he was convicted of lewd assault.

He also has previously been convicted of sexual battery on or about June of 1990.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is in the process of notifying all licensed day care centers located within a one mile radius of Hill's residence. Hill is a black male, 5'6" tall weighing 150 pounds. A photo of Hill, and any other sexual predators living in the Glades, can be seen on the internet <http://www.fille.state.fl.us/SexualPredators/search/offender.asp>

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BELLE GLADE BOCA RATON LAKE WORTH PALM BEACH GARDENS

PBCSO Explorer Post 611 takes second in national competition

By Tracy Whirls

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #611 from the Glades took second place with a perfect score of 100 and a tiebreaker score of eight out of ten points to win the team competition in "White Collar Crime" during the 2000 National Law Enforcement Conference in Atlanta.

The Glades team, comprised of Jack Mayo, Jose Sanchez, Mark Sutterfield and Carmen Pupo, competed against Explorers from across the U.S., England and Canada.

The Conference hosted more than 4,000 participants at Georgia Tech University who competed in Arrest and Search Techniques, Bomb Threat Response, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Search, Domestic Crisis Intervention, Shoot/Don't Shoot, Hostage Negotiation, Burglary in Progress, Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Stop, White Collar Crime and Emergency First Aid.

"We didn't know what competition they would be competing

in until we got there, so the team had to be competent in all of them," said Explorer Advisor Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Deputy Lee Sutterfield. "They worked very hard all summer training for this national event and their hard work paid off." The team, and alternate Palm Beach five days a week to work with different sheriff's office specialists in the categories in which they would compete, practicing different scenarios.

In the competition, the Glades team was presented with the following scenario. Deputy Sutterfield said, "A man was running an office purportedly selling river front property. He even had a beautiful brochure. But what he was actually selling was desert land."

"They had to do an investigation, go in and secure the office, get evidence and hopefully enough probable cause to make an arrest. They went in and greeted the secretary, got her away from her desk so she

couldn't destroy any files. They called the customers and they seized the business owner's computer, last phone messages to advise him the business, the brochure. At one point the business owner got up and acted very angry with them, and they set him back down and restrained him. They were very courteous, very professional, but they got the job done. They were able to get enough probable cause to make the arrest."

In practicing for the competition, Deputy Sutterfield said she and the other officers play different parts, and try very hard to expose them to realistic reactions.

"When we role play with kids, we don't cooperate and the kids have to figure out, 'how do I deal with this hard person?' and still do the job and be courteous," Deputy Sutterfield said.

Although the Glades Explorer Post has done very well in state competition, taking the high team score in the 38 handgun shooting competition, it was the first time they'd ever competed

at the national level.

The Glades' sister post #111 West Palm Beach competed in the individual 38 handgun competition in the nationals. Explorer Sean Crocker from Post #111 took 19th place out of 1,000 shooters.

"We'd never been to nationals before and we brought back a trophy. I'm extraordinarily proud," Deputy Sutterfield said.

The Explorer program in the Glades currently has 18 students enrolled. To qualify, students ages 14-21 must maintain a "C" average, make the commitment to stay with the program and must pass a background check. For more information, contact Deputy Lee Sutterfield at (561) 996-4888.

"Most of them stay with the program 3-4 years, until they graduate from high school or go into the military, then they come back to work for us as deputies or dispatchers," she added. "Hopefully, one day all of these kids will be future law enforcement officers or work in the criminal justice field."

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #611 from the Glades took second place in the 2000 National Law Enforcement Conference in Atlanta. Pictured left to right are Jack Mayo, Jose Sanchez, Mark Sutterfield and Carmen Pupo.

Faith Baptist Church Calls New Pastor

Dr. B.J. Hampton has accepted the position of Senior Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, 1119 N.W. 12th Street, Belle Glade.

Dr. Hampton and wife Judy come to Faith Baptist from Havana, Cuba. They served there since 1996 as missionaries, preaching and teaching the Bible among the Cuban people in the churches and nightclubs in homes. They ministered in 10 different churches and three different cultures throughout Havana and surrounding villages. They were one of the first full time missionaries to Cuba since 1959 when Fidel Castro became Dictator. Dr. Hampton has pastored three churches in the United States and served as an evangelist for ten years. Dr. Hampton's last church was in Great Bend, Kan., and was one of the fastest growing churches at the time. The church had a private Christian school and Kindergarten/Dayscare.

The Church would like to invite



Dr. B.J. and Judy Hampton everyone in the Glades area to come and meet their new pastor at any church service. The church services are Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., midweek Bible Study is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Or if you would like to call him at 992-8217 he would be happy to speak with you.



Robin Waggoner

Waggoner in concert at First Baptist

Robin Waggoner will be in concert at First Baptist Church of Belle Glade on Sunday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

Robin became a Christian at the age of 7 and has been in the music ministry for over twenty years. She grew up in Ratcliff, Ky. where her father pastored for 35 years. Robin founded "Forever His," a Christian singing group from Eastern Kentucky University where she was a music major. After many years traveling with "Forever His," Robin moved to Belle Glade in 1982 where she taught choral

music and senior high school Bible classes at Christian Day School. In 1993, Robin became minister of music at First Baptist Church in Belle Glade until 1998 when she returned to Kentucky. Robin has two recording projects. The most recent one was released in June and is titled "Grace Alone."

The First Baptist Church extends an invitation to the entire community to come and share in this evening of music ministry.

For more information, call the church office at 996-5596.

Birth

Dorothy Hill of Pahokee and Shurian Blackman of Belle Glade announce the birth of their son, Jarvis Levante Hill. He was born May 19 at Palms West Hospital, weighing five lbs. and five oz. and was 19 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Eva Hill of Pahokee and the late Joe Lee Hill.

He was welcomed home by siblings Xavier, Tennille and Jacoby Alexander.



Jarvis Levante Hill

Wrisper joins US Army

Katrina J. Wrisper has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.


The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced

individual training in their career specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$4,000 enlistment bonus.

Ms. Wrisper, a 1995 graduate of Glades Central High School, Belle Glade, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training Aug. 31.

She is the daughter of Elouise N. and Jimmie L. Wrisper of Belle Glade.



Barbara,
We love you all
the way from Utah!
Happy Birthday!

Obituary


Hugo Barrera, 34, of South Bay died Monday, Aug. 7, 2000 in West Palm Beach of injuries sustained in a traffic accident. Mr. Barrera was born in Laredo, Texas. He was a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Garcia and three sons, Ruben Barrera, Ricardo Barrera and Fabian Barrera, all of South Bay; his father, Leopoldo Barrera and mother Olga Rodriguez, three brothers, Tony Rodriguez, Alberto Rodriguez and Polo Barrera, and a sister, Sonya Barrera, all of Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 12 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in LaBelle, with Father Aemig Sekranva officiating. Burial followed in Ft. DeNaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Akin-Davis Funeral Homes of Clewiston was in charge of arrangements.

35 Years of Love



Russell and Martha York celebrated their 35th Anniversary on August 2, in the company of their children and friends.


They are the parents of Ronny York of Wilmington, NC, Diane York of Mesa, AZ and Alice Mairuana of Wellington. They have three grandchildren and currently reside in Wellington after 30 years of residence in the Glades.

Their formula for a successful marriage is: lots of faith in God, lots of home cooking, lots of classic country music, tell each other "I love you" at least once a day, help each other in everything as much as possible. It worked for them, considering they knew each other just shy of three weeks before getting married.

His song to her: "Look at Us" (V.G.)
Her song to him: "Wind Beneath My Wings" (B.M.)

Happy Anniversary

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Tourism Committee Formed in West

Palm Beach County Convention & Visitors Bureau has formed a special committee of tourism and business leaders to advise the agency on the direction of tourism marketing in the western communities. The panel includes a dozen officials from existing tourism-related venues in Central and Western Palm Beach County, including Lion Country Safari, South Florida Fair, MARS Amphitheater, Equestrian Interests and Lake Okechobee. The committee also includes directors of the four chambers of commerce in the area and County Commissioner Tony Massiotti.

"We recognize the unique characteristics of the Western Communities and we wanted to have a group who can best advise us on the tourism marketing," said County Commissioner Mac McLaughlin, president and chief executive officer of the CVB. Don Brown, community relations manager, said a marketing plan is being completed

and should be approved by the Western Communities Tourism Committee later this month in time for the winter season. "Our area already attracts significant tourism. What we're going to do is develop a marketing plan which reflects the rich opportunities of the entire central and western county area as a single destination," Mr. Brown said.

For his part, Commissioner Massiotti has been a vocal proponent of increased tourism opportunities in the area, particularly in the Lake Okechobee Scenic Trail LOST around the huge lake. "We have already been approved for 30 million dollars in appropriations for the project which should become the catalyst for tourism development in the west county area," Commissioner Massiotti said. "The tourism committee will be the focal point for helping the entire region develop its tourism potential. The scenic trail, already acclaimed as the

nation's top revitalization project, will feature several trail heads-including as many as seven in Palm Beach County-which will encourage development of tourism related business and activities. "I expect this project to spur tremendous interest in our area in a way that will benefit all of our existing residents," Commissioner Massiotti said.

Among the projects in which the tourism committee will most likely take an active interest are the expansion of the South Florida Fairgrounds, development of Cholee preserve (across from Okechee Park) as a botanical garden and a rodeo facility, expansion of Lion Country Safari, eco/ag tours, and activities around Lake Okechobee.

"Some of these venues are already individually marketing their services. One of our priorities will be to provide marketing services to all of these entities as a single area destination for tourists," Mr. Brown said.

"We now have the opportunity to use the highly professional public relations and marketing services which currently exist in the Convention and Visitors Bureau to let the world know about our unique community," he said.

The committee will also take an active role in new tourism development such as hotels, restaurants, shops and other amenities.

"We have an opportunity to stake our own claim as a major tourism destination. By working together and speaking with a single voice for our entire area, our tourism committee should be successful in developing the type of tourism that fits the lifestyle of our residents," said Mr. Brown.

The CVB has opened an office on Royal Palm Beach Boulevard. For more information about the tourism committee and the marketing plan, contact Mr. Brown at 561-784-0522.

Cribbs honored for 45 years with SFWMD

Ben Cribbs was honored Friday for his 45 years of service at the South Florida Water Management District. He is the agency's longest serving employee.

The state created the SFWMD's predecessor, the Central & Southern Florida Flood Control District, in 1949. Mr. Cribbs, a Clewiston resident, joined the agency in 1955. Known by his nickname "Pee-Wee," Mr. Cribbs, now a specialist construction representative, started at the District as a laborer. His expertise with heavy equipment helped him move through the ranks to become an assistant superintendent of the West Palm Beach field station, originally located on the site of the current District headquarters on Gun Club Road. In 1977, he became superintendent of the Clewiston field station.

During the drought of 1981, when the level of Lake Okechobee dropped to 9.75 feet, Mr. Cribbs helped implement the new supply side management program for water deliveries from the lake. The following year brought a strong El Nino with heavy rains to the region, and Mr. Cribbs successfully managed the Hendry County flood-control relief project with his leadership in dealing with landowners under adverse conditions. Since 1988, Mr. Cribbs has worked in various construction groups at the District. He recently completed several features of the current Everglades construction project, primarily in Stormwater Treatment Area 5. During the presentation at Friday's Governing Board meeting, it was noted that Mr. Cribbs was responsible for creating the District's mascot, Freddy the alligator, "protector of the Everglades." Joe Schweigart, director of the Everglades construction project, noted that Mr. Cribbs helped "put the 'can' in the Districts' can-do attitude.... I am thankful that he has worked on these many ECP projects."

SFWMD reports decline in phosphorous in Everglades water

For the fifth consecutive year, the South Florida Water Management District has reported a decline in the amount of phosphorus in the water leaving farms in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) south of Lake Okechobee. The total phosphorus reduction in the runoff was 55 percent for the period of May 1999 to April 30, 2000. The state's 1994 Everglades Restoration requires EAA farmers to reduce the total phosphorus in runoff from their land by 25 percent each year by implementing "best management practices" (BMPs).

To calculate the annual reduction, the District compares a current year's total phosphorus load with that of

the 10-year base period—October 1978 through September 1988—before BMPs were in place. The District makes hydrologic adjustments for differences in rainfall and distribution between the current year and the baseline years. The state required BMPs to be in place by January 1995. Since then, the EAA basin has exceeded the required 25 percent reduction in each ensuing year. The previous years' phosphorus reduction rates were 1996—68 percent; 1997—49 percent; 1998—34 percent; and 1999—49 percent.

For "water year 2000" (May '99-April '00), 193 metric tons of phosphorus flowed out of the EAA basin (including farms, towns, and industry). This

compares with the estimated 425 metric tons predicted to have been in a runoff had the BMPs not been implemented. Concentrations of phosphorus in the water also were down, averaging 119 parts per billion (ppb) compared to pre-BMP concentrations of 173 ppb.

These loads and concentrations apply only to the runoff entering the "Everglades Protection Area" from the EAA. They do not account for the phosphorus entering the "Everglades Protection Area" from other sources including Lake Okechobee releases, adjacent canals and levees and the storm water treatment areas. The District will include an analysis and summary of the overall phosphorus loads to the

Everglades in the 2000 EAA BMP annual report it is currently preparing.

"We are pleased that the EAA farmers have had such success in lowering the amount of phosphorus coming off their land in the past five years," said Frank R. Finch, District executive director. "They have proven to be good partners as we work together to restore the Everglades. As these declines continue, we should see even better results for the water flowing into the Everglades when all the STAs come on-line." The District has completed four of the six state mandated storm water treatment areas, and three are on-line and operating.

2000 Citrus Expo features industry seminars and exhibits

The 2000 Citrus Expo, Florida's largest citrus only event, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 23 and Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Lee Civic Center in Fort Myers, featuring citrus industry seminars and a sold-out show with more than 150 exhibitors.

Dr. Lowell Catlett, a noted economist and professor in the Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business Department at New Mexico State University, will be the featured keynote speaker at the Citrus Expo Banquet, set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23 at the HarborSide Convention Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The ninth annual expo and banquet are sponsored and authorized by the Gulf Citrus Growers Association, LaBelle Citrus Industry Magazine, Bartow, and the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Immokalee.

The trade show opens at 8 a.m. each morning with a free continental breakfast and prize drawing. Wednesday's winner will receive a 1,000-oz. prize, while Thursday's drawing win-

ner will be for a Club Car Carryall 272 off road vehicle, sponsored by Club Car, Inc. and Chemical Containers, Inc.

"This years Expo will feature a wide range of exhibitors, displaying everything from harvesting equipment," said Laura Speizer of Citrus Industry Magazine, a co-sponsor of the Expo. "All the needs of a grower will be met at the Citrus Expo."

The morning seminar program on Aug. 23 will focus on market for profitability in citrus operations. Dan Santangelo, executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus, will begin the seminar by discussing new markets and products, including the new automatically packed citrus fruits. The seminar will continue with Gordon Hunt of Citrus International discussing e-commerce. John Sauer, president of ProCek Software, will follow up with a presentation on the new innovative means available for online purchasing and marketing products. John R. Alexander, a citrus grower and commissioner, will wrap up the morning seminar by

sharing strategies a grower can use to gain an advantage in the new business climate of e-commerce and consolidation.

Afternoon presentations on Aug. 23 will focus on consolidation in the 21st Century. The afternoon's first speaker will be Glen Terbeck, recently retired managing partner of Andersen Consulting Food and Packaged Food Industry Practice. Mr. Terbeck will discuss the forces pushing consolidation. Tom Spreen of the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Gainesville will follow with a presentation on how consolidation is affecting Florida and Brazil citrus industries. The final speaker of the afternoon will be Allen Morris, an agribusiness consultant specializing in the world citrus industry. Mr. Morris will impart view on how growers can survive consolidation.

On Aug. 24 morning seminars will focus on the politics of agriculture and how growers can get involved. Frank Bouls, a former citrus commissioner, will present a growers per-

spective on how growers can organize and be active in promoting citrus issues. State Rep. Adam Putnam of District 63 will give the legislator's perspective. The final speaker of the morning, W. Neil Dorrell Management Group, will present a local perspective of why landowners should be concerned about environmental threats, panthers and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The topic of Thursday afternoon session will be citrus canker. Deputy commissioner Craig Meyer, Mike Hornyak, federal co-director of the Florida Citrus Canker Eradication Program, and Jack Netzke, director of the Immokalee Canker Project will give canker updates and presentations. Also, Tim Gast, principle agricultural scientist with Tropicana Products, will give a presentation on his recent experiences growing citrus in China in an area similar to Florida, but where citrus canker is an epidemic.

USDA'S Final crop estimate for 1999-2000 season announced

The Florida Agricultural Statistics Service (FASS) released the final crop estimate for the 1999-2000 season.

The Florida Valencia estimate increased one million boxes, raising the total from 96 to 97 million boxes. The total orange forecast for the 1999-2000 season is estimated at 231 million boxes.

The grapefruit forecast was increased by 200,000 boxes, changing the final grapefruit estimate from 53.1 to 53.3 million boxes, an increase of 6.25 million boxes from the 1998-99 season.

Compared to last month's crop estimate, Florida's frozen concentrated orange juice (FCOJ) yield estimate

remained unchanged at 1.55 gallons per 90-pound box of oranges. Mutual reports that Florida will pack 208.7 million gallons of FCOJ this season.

Florida's final forecast for the specialty fruit crop remained steady at 1.95 million boxes of Temples, 2.2 million boxes of Tangelos and 110,000 boxes of K-Early varieties. The total Tangerine Forecast estimated at seven million boxes, which decreased from 7.1 million boxes.

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Glades schools receive public education

The Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund has announced more than \$2,400,000 in grants to help teachers and children in public schools serving economically disadvantaged students. The Board of Trustees of the Fund awarded \$2,425,618 to support professional development initiatives for teachers and principals serving public schools in Palm Beach County. Schools and organizations receiving grants include Belle Glade Elementary, Katherine E. Cunningham-Glade View Elementary, Glade View Elementary in Belle Glade, Pahokee Elementary, Rosewald Elementary in South Bay, West Gate Elementary in West Palm Beach, and Village Academy in Delray Beach. Three schools received grants to establish pre-kindergarten programs, and provide professional development opportunities at Forest Park Elementary in Boynton Beach, Palm Beach Public School, and Pioneer Park Elementary in Belle Glade. All of the Glades area elementary schools received grants to provide field trips. The grants are intended to support a broad range of creative teaching strategies to improve academic achievement in elementary schools that serve economically disadvantaged students. The Fund, a supported organization of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties was created in 1998 with a substantial gift from Mary and Robert Pew of North

Palm Beach.

The following grants were awarded locally:
Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary will receive a three-year grant of \$374,720 to implement E-mc2, which will develop and implement a school-wide integrated thematic curriculum built around scientific themes. The grant will focus on instructional materials and equipment, curriculum, school environment and climate, staff development and community involvement.
Lake Shore Middle School in Belle Glade will receive a three-year grant of \$231,738 to support the Professional Development Support Center initiative. The program is intended to align the curriculum with state standards, helping teachers to focus and connect what is written, taught and tested. Professional development activities will focus on increasing content knowledge in reading, writing and math, and how to analyze individual student performance and modify teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students. This grant is made possible from a contribution to the Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund from Arthur Kobacker through the United Way of Palm Beach County.
Pioneer Park in Belle Glade received a three-year grant award totaling \$384,442 to support the Pre-K-K-1 High/Scope Early Childhood Development Initiative. The grant will support certified preschool teachers and training in

the High/Scope Curriculum for Preschool. High/Scope Curriculum for Preschool is a proven training program focusing on providing developmentally appropriate learning opportunities for infants and toddlers through adolescence. Two teachers will be trained in order to receive certification to train local teachers in the curriculum.
Seven western Palm Beach County area elementary schools received \$147,845 to support field trips for all students as follows:

Belle Glade Elementary, \$20,000
Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary, \$21,875
Glade View Elementary, \$17,300
Goetz Elementary, \$22,540
Pahokee Elementary, \$22,400
Pioneer Park Elementary, \$22,620
Rosewald Elementary, \$21,110
The mission of the Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund is to improve public education for economically disadvantaged children in Palm Beach and Martin counties by developing, testing and implementing new strategies for learning in classrooms, schools and neighborhoods, and to support educational enrichment programs unavailable as part of the regular school curriculum.
For additional information, please contact Louise Grant at (561) 835-4002.

Implementation of African-American curriculum celebrated

The Palm Beach County School District celebrated the full implementation of the African and African American History Curriculum by unveiling it during a ceremony that took place at the Historic Roots Cultural Festival at Pompey Park, Delray Beach on Friday, Aug. 11.

Recognizing the need to fill a void in the historical and cultural knowledge base of all Floridians, in 1994, the Florida Legislature passed a law requiring the instruction of the history and contributions of African and African-Americans in all subject areas, grades kindergarten to twelve. Palm Beach County has taken the lead in responding to this important legislative mandate.

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School District developed a new and innovative curriculum, which meets the requirements of Florida State 233.06g. This law requires that members of the instructional staff of the public school, shall each efficiently and faithfully convey the history of African Americans including the history of African peoples, the enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of African American to society to students. They shall teach using books and materials required, following the prescribed course of study, and employ approved methods of instruction.

The curriculum will be infused into the current district K-12 curriculum for all subject areas and appropriate measures will be taken to assess and monitor results. The success of this

effort can be attributed to the cooperation of an eminent scholar, consultants, professors, teachers and administrators and the community. In addition to writing the curriculum, staff has provided training in the new curriculum to School Board members, members of the leadership staff, federal and state legislators, principals and other school center leadership, and teachers. The efforts of the district staff are fully endorsed by the Florida Dept. of Education. Additionally, the Palm Beach County School Board endorsed "Achievement for All" which insures the full implementation of the curriculum.
For more info call Deborah Raing at 434-8955



Belle Glade Elementary teachers tour student neighborhoods

The teachers and staff of Belle Glade Elementary School wanted to know more about their students and the conditions they face in their neighborhoods each day. The teachers felt that if they could understand their students better, they could relate to them better and do a better job helping them once they got to their classrooms.

So rather than only working on bulletin boards and books during their preparation for school opening this year, the staff decided to take a "field trip" through the community to see what their students see each day.

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, two busloads of teachers and staff visited the Glades Correctional Institute, one of the largest employers in the area where many of their stu-

dents' parents work; a low income housing project to see overcrowded living conditions and even a drug-infested street corner that students must navigate on their way to school.

"Many of our teachers hadn't even seen Lake Okechobee," said Glenda Garrett, principal of Belle Glade Elementary. "We need to be more in touch with our students and know who they are before we can be really effective with them," she said. "When we return, we will see our students in a new light. I think they'll appreciate that we really care about them and want to know them and their neighborhoods better. The teachers will probably be better teachers and our students will probably be better students as a result."

Glades grants fund classroom connections

Five Royal Palm students, with the guidance of George Esley, will assemble and deliver the professional development kits, Sunshine State Standards Classroom Connections, to the five area offices in the School District of Palm Beach to start the school year off right. Each elementary school will receive 15 kits, each middle school four kits, and each high school seven kits. Each kit includes a video of a real teacher in real classrooms collaborating on instruction to address Sunshine State Standards. The professional development kit is accompanied by eight folders: a facilitator guide, a curriculum unit, professional development standards, professional development guidelines, on sight lesson plans, technology-related resources, and miscellaneous.

A professional development contact person will utilize the kit to facilitate professional growth at the school site. Two Glades area

grants, the goals 2000: Professional Development Technology grant and the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund grant, are funding the project to personalize professional development. An additional eight professional development kits on the integration of technology into the curriculum will be disseminated to schools later in the year. These professional development kits will eventually be accessible via the Internet and the videos aired over Instructional Television, district and state.

The grants that funded this project are all from the Glades area, but support professional development district-wide and statewide. These professional development kits will eventually be accessible via the Internet and the videos aired over Instructional Television. It is anticipated that delivery will begin this month.

Two from Glades receive WAGES scholarships

Cleice Henderson-Scott of Pahokee and Luna Nelson of Belle Glade, both students at Palm Beach Atlantic College, were selected recipients of the WAGES scholarship award. Each student received an award of \$7,000.

These awards have been extended by the State of Florida's Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) Board through the Florida Independent College Fund. The WAGES grant totaled \$5,000 per student, with a matching \$2,000 from the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF).

Palm Beach Atlantic College is a comprehensive Christian college in downtown West Palm Beach with enrollment of nearly 2,200. PBA offers bachelors and masters degrees in traditional and nontraditional formats.

School supply giveaway a huge success

On Saturday, Aug. 12, school supplies were given to area students at Shiloh Baptist Church. Approximately 275 back-to-school packets were given out. The items were donated by Gel Carolyn Brown, the Glades Ebonique Ladies Club and the New Hope Foundation.

The annual activity was a "huge success. The students and their parents expressed appreciation for the school supplies, clothing and other items they received."

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